



Havre Job Service Employers' Committee
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2007

Members Present:

Mona Ojeda
Gail Rainey
Garnet Bergren
Joe Schmier
Cathy Jamruszka
Darrel Hannum

Job Service Staff Present:

Pan Harada, Manager
Barry Remus, JSEC Coordinator

Guests:

Members Absent:

Carol Jestrab
Steve Galbavy
Sylvia Murray
Kellie Rasmussen
Mike Hamilton
Wendy Lynn Gerky
Kati Purkett
Dolores Plumage

What's New at Job Service? 1) The state will be monitoring our Wagner Peyser program, this is job matching. We do not have a date when this will happen yet. We also will be doing our own self evaluation monitoring. We will ask JSEC to be involved in this self evaluation. 2) Pam will be going to a managers meeting at the end of the month where they will be discussing changes to our services. 3) Barry and Carol will be going to BEAR (Business Expansion And Retention) training in Billing on March 1. 4) The office almost has the youth handout done for resumes. We will get you the handout at the next meeting. 5) Kandi made a presentation on interviewing to welfare clients at Ft. Belknap and Hays. 6) Mavis made a presentation to Leadership High School at Havre High School.

Treasurer's Report: \$1549.49

Sub Committee Reports:

Seminar – No meeting has been held. We did get a list of Jim Nys seminars.

The Havre Chamber is going to have Steve Beck do a seminar, "Exceptional Customer Service" either March 26 or 28th from 8 am to noon. The seminar costs \$2500 and the chamber is looking for sponsors (money) so they can maybe only charge \$20 to attend. Darrel made a motion to sponsor the seminar with \$500. Motion passed.

Outreach – A meetings will be held after this meeting.

Montana's Workforce Development System: Pam passed out a booklet that gives a snapshot of the Workforce Development System. Call Pam with any questions. *Booklet enclosed.*

JSEC Employer Resource Guide: The December statistics for the www.havrejsec.com website shows 234 unique visitors in January which ties for the most unique visitors in a month. Gail asked if the group still wanted to receive the stats. We will continue to receive the stats. *Stats enclosed.*

Newsletter & Seminar Flyers: Letters, 950, were mailed on January 8, with return envelopes and on January 29 705 letters were mailed, no return envelope, with final notice as part of the heading. We have had a 25% response. Sixteen have said they have no email and 32 asked to not receive the newsletter/seminar flyers anymore. We now move forward with the next newsletter. We are going to provide some newsletters in print form at certain locations, maybe local chambers and Job Service, and mail to those with no e-mail. *The outreach committee decided that they will work on where the newsletters will be located and how many at each location.*

Interviews for JMG: Jobs for Montana Graduates program has asked for help interviewing students to prepare for their state meeting. JSEC has some interest but we need time frames. Barry will work on getting some times and letting people know.

2007 JSEC/Managers Conference: This conference is being touted as great for business and it basically free to JSEC members. Other people who attend the conference will be charged \$100. You would not have to attend the whole conference if you have time constraints. The conference is from May 21 through May 24. Please let Pam or Barry know as soon as you know you can attend. *Other information enclosed.*

Legislative update: Pam reviewed the federal minimum wage bill in congress that has passed both the senate and House but due to some other items attached to the bill it has to go to a conference committee to resolve differences. It would raise the federal minimum to \$5.85 to start, would not affect Montana as ours is \$6.15 already, than in one year go to \$6.55 and a year after that go to \$7.35. With the current Montana minimum wage law Pam is not completely sure how the federal bill would affect Montana as the cost of living clause would still be in effect.

Some other Montana legislature bills were reviewed. To see details of bills go to [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07_pref/law0203w\\$.startup](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07_pref/law0203w$.startup) . You can also search by subject or sponsor at this page.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE *WEDNESDAY MARCH 14, 2007 AT 11:30AM AT JOB SERVICE.*